Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Innumerable. A long list.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether any officer of the Rural Development Department or any officer of the transferred departments has inspected the operations which they are conducting at Ramavarmapuram?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, very often.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* The Y. M. A. at Trichur are doing very useful work. Is it not?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. They have got a membership of more than 100 young men. The majority of them are clerks in Government service, school masters, merchants and students. Dr. Natarajan has observed, on seeing the work turned out by them, that that was the proper line to be taken. We have given only a pittance. They have spent about Rs. 1,700 there.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to entrust the Cherpu Rural Development Centre to the Y.M.A. Trichur?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development) :* That question does not arise.

TOBACCO CULTIVATION—EXPERIMENTS IN

102. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any attempt has been made to experiment tobacco cultivation in the State in 1115; and

(*b*) if the answer to question (*a*) is in the affirmative, the results of the experiment?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The result is satisfactory where the curing is completed.

LIVE-STOCK—RURAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE—COST OF MAINTENANCE, ETC.

103. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total value of live-stock purchased originally in the Rural Development Centre under the following heads.—

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(*i*) fowls, (*ii*) goats, (*iii*) other cattle;

(*b*) out of the stock originally purchased the value of live-stock remaining at the end of Karkadagam 1114, under the above heads;

(*c*) the cost of maintaining the above stock during the year 1114 taking the following alone into account;

(*i*) the pay of coolies or peons (coolies);

(*ii*) the value of food or fodder;

(*iii*) other incidental charges?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) The total value of live-stock purchased is given below.—

(*i*) Fowls	..	Rs. 386	1	0
(*ii*) Goats	..	,, 95	6	2
(*iii*) Cattle	..	,, 469	8	0

(*b*) Value of of live-stock remaining at the end of Karkadagam 1114.

(*i*) Fowls	..	Rs. 288	1	0
(*ii*) Goats	..	,, 95	6	2
(*iii*) Cattle	..	,, 500	0	0

(*c*) The cost of maintaining the above stock during the year 1114 is as follows.—

Fowls	..	Rs. 383	4	5
Details:				
Pay of the poultry boy	..	Rs. 94	0	0
Value of food or fodder	..	,, 264	15	11
Other incidental charges	..	,, 24	4	6
Total	..	,, 383	4	5
Cattle and goats	..	,, 521	15	8
Details:				
Pay of the bull keeper	..	Rs. 140	0	0
Value of food or fodder	..	,, 349	2	5
Other incidental charges	..	,, 32	13	3
Total	..	,, 521	15	8
Grand total	..	,, 905	4	1

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Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know Sir, when this live stock was purchased first ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I want notice.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* I want to know only the year in which it was purchased.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I cannot say.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Was it in 1114?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Most probably.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know whether these fowls are being sold from the Rural Development Centre to private persons ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* For how many rupees were these fowls sold ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I want notice.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* There is a reduction in stock at the end of 1114 to the extent of Rs. 100. Was the reduction caused by the sale or due to death ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* To some extent it was due to deaths also.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know Sir, whether Government have devised any method for treatment of fowl pests ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* One method is injection. But the cost of injection comes to almost, if not more than, the cost of the bird.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Has the Government realised that this sort of fowl is not suited to our climatic conditions ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We will consider all these things. We would not spend much money in purchasing new fowls without taking these things into consideration.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Are these fowls purchased in pairs ? Are they all males ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)* I didn't quite understand the question.

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Mr. President: The hon'ble member wants to know their sex.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* There are both sexes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* The value of the stock of goats at the end of 1114 has not at all varied. Is there no reproduction?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Perhaps it may be because these goats are being given to various centres. These are special goats and very good ones, also yielding three or four measures of milk.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know the varieties of goat that you have got there?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* They are not of the local variety.

Mr. President: Why don't you take some of the Hon'ble Members to the Centre and explain things?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We have absolutely no objection.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* I have really gone there without any invitation and have seen things for myself. That is why I put the question. Will the Government be pleased to maintain good native stock of goats there? I have myself got one which gives me one measure of milk a day. The stock purchased now is very difficult to maintain. They eat only a certain kind of leaf. They do not eat anything else, and if they do not get that particular kind of leaf, they simply do *tapas (Laughter).* I myself have seen it. It is better that the native variety is stocked there.

Mr. President. You say that only Cochinite-goats should be purchased? *(Laughter).*

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* What we have got now is the Calicut variety which is a little superior to the local stock available. There are a few Cutchi ones also.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I would suggest to you to get down the Walayar variety which is a very good breed.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Sir, will the Government be pleased to give an assurance that at least in 1116 no amount will be spent on this poultry and other business which has become absolutely useless for the purpose of development of villages?

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We will be very careful in spending money for this department. That is all I can say.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* In view of the fact that the existing breeds do not stand the climate and eat the common food available here, will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of stocking cross-breeds which will thrive in our climate?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* That will be considered.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* What do Government propose to do with these goats?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We are going to keep them.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Are they not selling the goats?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We are giving them to some of the Rural Development Centres which ask for them.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* And to depressed class colonies.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* No, only in some rare cases.

COCHIN HARBOUR—APPOINTMENTS IN

104. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of West Coast people whose mother tongue is Malayalam who are in the monthly salary cadre, whose minimum salary of the grade being Rs. 100 or above in the Cochin Harbour and attached offices (This will exclude all Brahmins other than Nambudiris);

(*b*) the number of other non-Europeans;

(*c*) the number of Europeans;

(*d*) the salary and their grades per month drawn by each specified in the grades referred to above?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) Government have no information.

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